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TAGS: MORG, MOPS, SOPN, KS

SUBJECT:B-52 TRAINING SORTIES

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1. DOD SPOKESMAN AT HIS AUG. 31 BRIEFING STATED THAT THE CURRENT SERIES OF B-52 TRAINING FLIGHTS HAD ENDED AUG. 30 AND THAT NO OTHER EXERCISES WERE SCHEDULED, BUT WOULDN'T RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF OTHERS IN THE FUTURE. WIRE SERVICE ACCOUNTS OF THE BRIEFING STATED ONLY THAT THE FLIGHTS HAD ENDED.

2. DOD TODAY POSTED FOR THE NEWSMEN THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT IN YESTERDAY'S PRESS BRIEFING OF THE POSSIBILITY OF B-52 FLIGHTS -- ANOTHER SERIES OF ROUTINE TRAINING MISSIONS WILL BE
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FLOWN OVER SK ON A PERIODIC BASIS, BEGINNING SEPT 2.

THESE MISSIONS WILL BE FLOWN FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD.

4. IF ASKED WHETHER THERE IS ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THESE FLIGHTS AND THE RECENT PANMUMJON INCIDENT, DOD IS PREPARED TO SAY: "AS WE HAVE SAID, THESE ARE ROUTINE TRAIN-

ING FLIGHTS. I WOULDN'T WANT TO CHARACTERIZE THEM IN ANY OTHER WAY."

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